


is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 08/995,178 filed on December 22, 1997 (now U.S. Patent 6,034,163). The Action claims that the priority of the instant application is at least June 22, 1999. Lan issued on May 15, 2001. Therefore, Lan can not used as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) because the effective date of application was filed less than 12 months after Lan issued (this date is prior to Lan's issue date). Therefore, Lan would not be considered prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). The Applicant would also like to note that Examiner Wyrozebski-Lee in Art Unit 1714 has related co-pending applications.

A fee for a one month extension is believed to be due because January 4, 2003 was a Saturday making January 6, 2003 the deadline for filing with a one month extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee as well as any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

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